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### **Regional Human Services and Veterans Citizen Levy Joint Oversight Board Meeting Summary**

**September 27, 2012 2-4 p.m.**

Issaquah Library – 10 W. Sunset Way, Issaquah, 98027

#### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Loran Lichty at 2:05 p.m.

#### **Roll Call**

##### **Regional Human Services Levy Oversight Board (RHSLOB) Members Present:**

Kathy Brasch (Co-Chair), Loran Lichty (Co-Chair), Edith Loyer Nelson, David Ramsay, Kate Slaminko

**RHSLOB Members Excused/Absent:** Kathleen Hadaller

**Veterans Citizen Levy Oversight Board (VCLOB) Members Present:** Oren Hadaller, Doug Hoople (Chair), Cynthia Lefever (Vice Chair), Kathy Lewis, Robert Stephens, Jr., Bill Wood

**VCLOB Members Excused/Absent:** Stan Gunno

**King County Staff Present:** Debora Gay, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS); John Gilvar, Public Health, Seattle & King County (PHSKC); Laird Heia, DCHS; Jon Hoskins, DCHS; Marcy Kubbs, DCHS; Andrea LaFazia-Geraghty, Mental Health Chemical Abuse and Dependency Services (MHCADSD); Pat Lemus, DCHS; Laurie Sylla, MHCADSD; Terry Mark, DCHS

**Guests:** Mary Kay Lewis

#### **Review of Joint Meeting Summary**

The draft June 28, 2012 Joint Board meeting summary was approved as written.

#### **Veterans Services: Enhanced Coordination**

Andrea LaFazia-Geraghty, MHCADSD, Mental Illness Drug Dependency Action Plan (MIDD), Program Manager is developing a veterans services coordination plan for the County. The Executive is very interested in increasing collaboration among veterans' service agencies and the plan is due to him in late October. At the next VCLOB meeting, Andrea will hold a focus



group to gather the VCLOB's ideas on how to improve coordination. Initial ideas include a centralized service hub for veterans' services, and researching best practice models.

### **Implementation Plan Review – 2.1.C. Outreach and Engagement, Mobile Medical Outreach**

John Gilvar, Program Manager for PHSKC, Mobile Medical Van (MMV), provided an update on the Mobile Medical Outreach program. The program uses a medical van to provide coordinated outreach to the chronically homeless in South King County who typically lack regular healthcare or mental health care.

The MMV holds regular clinics throughout South King County in conjunction with free meal programs. Walk-in services include primary and preventive medical care, clinical assessment for mental health and chemical dependency treatment, dental care, and help navigating medical and disability benefits programs and other safety net health and social services. The VHS Levy funded the pilot program.

The program has successfully leveraged the levy's funding to obtain other grant money. While the Levy once provided 100 percent of the funding for the program, currently VHS Levy funding represents only 35 percent of the program's total budget.

Additional revenues have funded a psychiatric social worker to provide assessments and referrals for mental health care. While in the past few mental health clients were getting the services they needed, today 50 percent of mental health clients start treatment. The MMV service sites are intentionally located close to Health Point Clinics as the relationships the MMV has with clinic staff results in successful referrals to their clinics and coordinated care for clients.

The passage of the 2012 Supplemental Budget Appropriations Ordinance provided additional one-time Levy funding of \$375,000 to replace the aging mobile medical van. The new van will have two treatment rooms, significantly increasing the program's clinical space which will greatly improve the efficiency of service delivery.

#### Discussion

- MMV provides care for families but redirects them quickly to clinics as the children will likely have medical coverage.
- The new van will be owned by PHSKC rather than leased, so will be available additional days each week.

### **Chair's Report**

#### VCLOB Chair Highlights - Douglas Hoople

- Hearings were held in July and August prior to County Council's passage of the Supplemental Budget Appropriations Ordinance on September 10<sup>th</sup>. The ordinance allocated \$3,459,725 of the levy fund balance for 2012. The allocation of the remaining levy fund balance will need to be approved by Council during the 2013 and 2014 budget cycles.

- The VCLOB received an update on the Veterans homeless street outreach activity, which the levy has contracted with the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) to implement, and an update on the Veterans' legal assistance program from the Northwest Justice Project, also a recipient of a levy contract.
- The VCLOB has two candidates for membership: Francisco Ivarra and Mary Kay Lewis. Francisco would fill his former seat in Councilmember Phillips, District 4 and Mary Kay Lewis would represent Councilmember Ferguson, District 1. The VCLOB still has openings in districts 6, and 8.

#### RHSLOB Chair Highlights – Loran Lichty

- The County Council approved by motion the 2011 Levy Annual Report. This year the report was dually referred to the Government Accountability, Oversight and Financial Performance Committee and the Regional Policy Committee (RPC). Doug Hoople, Terry Mark, a levy client and Loran Lichty participated in briefing the RPC at their September 12th meeting.
- The RHSLOB recently received an update on levy Activity 4.4 Passage Point.
- The RHSLOB currently has openings in districts 4, 7, 8 plus two executive appointments.

#### **King County Staff Report**

- Levy staff are amending contracts to distribute the levy funds allocated through the supplemental budget ordinance. This includes Council's request to fund for Youth and Young Adult shelter beds in 2012.
- Roger Wells a member of the King County Veterans Program Advisory Board and VCLOB has resigned due to health reasons.

#### **Old Business**

Chair Hoople asked that at the next VCLOB meeting Levy staff circulate the most recent strategy committee list to determine where updates or changes to membership are needed.

#### **New Business**

- None

#### **Petitions/Communication (public comment)**

- Kathy and Oren Hadaller shared that the South King County's Back to School Fair was highly successful. Over 3,000 adults and children from the City of SeaTac attended and over 1,500 backpacks with school supplies were handed out.
- Residents of Tent City in Tukwila are in need of socks and coats. Contact Kate Slaminko if you are interested.

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

The VCLOB meeting began immediately after the Joint Board meeting was adjourned.